Construction of Dam on Sutlej River

1629. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese authorities have been building a barrage on the river in Tibet which would enable them to control the flow of water in the river Sutlej into India, in the future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Chinese authorities have been apprised of India's concern;

(d) if so, their response thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (e) Government have noted that the official spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reacting to the news report of June 30, 2006 of Hindustan Times, has stated that the Chinese side has constructed a small scale hydro power station on Langquinzangbu (Sutlej River) at Zhada County in Tibet Autonomous Region to satisfy the daily electricity needs of local population. They held that the Chinese government has always adhered to the basic principle of fair and reasonable development and utilization of trans-boundary Rivers and during this process of development and utilization, Chinese government fully considers the impact on lower reaches.

Prevention of sea erosion

1630. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether assistance is provided to States by Government for construction of sea walls to prevent erosion;